

REMARKS

Claims 1, 12 and 14 are amended. Claims 2-4, 13, 15, 16 and 18 are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 5-12, 14, 17, 18 and 19-22 remain in the application for consideration. In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be forwarded onto issuance.

Drawing Objection

The Office objects to Fig. 2 as not bearing the proper "Prior Art" legend. Applicant submits herewith a new drawing sheet which includes the proper legend.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1 and 8 stand rejected under obviousness-type double patenting over claims 10 and 1 respectively, of U.S. Patent No. 6,754,364. Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer thereby obviating this rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 8-11 have been indicated as allowable if a terminal disclaimer were to be filed. Applicant hereby submits a terminal disclaimer as indicated just above.

Claims 4, 13 and 18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are otherwise allowable if rewritten in independent form. The claims have been amended, as indicated above, to place the application in condition for allowance.

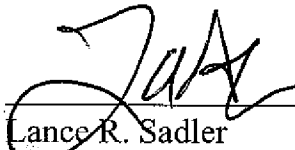
Applicant has placed the application in condition for allowance and such is not to be construed as an admission as to the propriety of the Office's rejections. Accordingly, Applicant reserves its right to file one or more continuation applications to pursue subject matter that it believes it is due.

Conclusion

The application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowability be issued forthwith.

Respectfully Submitted,

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